

Today's Advertisements.

CONTRACT FOR TRAMWAY, KOWLOON YARD.

PERSONS desirous of Tendering for the above are requested to deliver their tenders, sealed and marked "TENDER FOR TRAMWAY," not later than 10 A.M. on FRIDAY, the 17th July, 1896, at H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, addressed to the COMMODORE-IN-CHARGE, H.M. Naval Establishments. Plans, Specifications, and all Particulars can be obtained on application to the "ASTRONOMY CIVIL ENGINEER," Officer-in-Charge of Admiralty Works.

Hongkong, 9th July, 1896. [1107]

NOTICE.

REFERRING to what has recently appeared in the Press about the AWFUL CATASTROPHE in JAPAN, the Underigned, with the concurrence of H.E. the GOVERNOR, will be glad to receive Subscriptions in Hongkong.

T. JACKSON. [1108]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW, and PORTS on the YANGTZE.)

THE Company's Steamship

"DIOMED."
Captain Bartlett will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 10th instant, at 10 A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 9th July, 1896. [1107]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA."
Captain G. A. Taylor, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 11th instant, at 5 P.M. Instead of as previously advertised. This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers, and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th July, 1896. [1109]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG."
Captain Davis will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 12th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th July, 1896. [1105]

FOR CHEFOO AND TIENTSIN.

THE Steamer

"FUPING."
Captain Clement will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th July, 1896. [1104]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMOA."
Captain Hall will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th July, 1896. [1106]

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for RED SEA, MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

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Hongkong, 9th July, 1896. [1109]

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Hongkong, 9th July, 1896.

Today's Advertisements.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BORNEO,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be soiled out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 10 A.M. TO-MORROW, the 10th instant.

Goods not cleared by the 10th instant at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 9th July, 1896. [1107]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

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DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1896. [1107]

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OF

AERATED WATERS.

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The Pure Ingredients only are used, and the utmost Care and Cleanliness exercised in the Manufacture throughout.

The Water used is proved by repeated Analyses to be Absolutely Pure.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 4th July, 1896.

BIRTH.

At No. 1, North Szechuen Road, Shanghai, on the 2nd instant, the wife of JUDAH J. JUDAH, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On the 3rd July at Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., ALBERT, seventh son of the late W. R. NEWCOMB, of Stamford, Lincolnshire, to MARTHA ELLEN, youngest daughter of Joseph ELLIOTT, of Tedder, Dorsetshire.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1896.

VICTORY.

We announced in our last issue that the correspondence relating to the much-needed constitutional reform in the Colony was laid on the table at the meeting of the Legislative Council, and we published copious extracts therefrom, giving Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON'S despatch forwarding the Petition for reform to the Secretary of State and Mr. CHAMBERLAIN'S "final" decision on all the questions involved in full. From our report of the proceedings in Council it appears that Her Majesty's Government had agreed to the popularisation of the Executive Council by the addition of two unofficial members, and that His Excellency the Governor had selected Mr. CHATER and Mr. BELL-IRVING for the seats, and further, that there were to be two additional members of the Legislative Council, one the Major-General Commanding the Troops—on the ground that he might at any moment be called on to administer the Government of the Colony and ought, therefore, to be in both Councils—the other a new Chinese member, on the ground that the Chinese Community was inadequately represented. For this seat Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON nominated Mr. Wai Yux, Comptroller of the Chartered Mercantile Bank.

Our first duty, and a most pleasing one, is to congratulate Mr. WHITEHEAD, and thank him in the name and on behalf of the community. We offer him our hearty congratulations on the success of his zealous, able, and persevering labours here in Hongkong and in England on behalf of the Colony; for his independence and pluck in taking up the question of reform; for the ability with which he has advocated the cause, and for having stuck to his work, in spite of every discouragement, until his labours have been crowned with success. We say success. It has not been the full and complete success that he and we hoped to attain, but it is a distinct victory over all opponents and a distinct step in advance in the path of reform. We have got what we asked for: additional members in the Legislative Council, although not quite in the way we desired. We have got a valuable addition to the Executive Council precisely in the form and on the grounds of our petition, and we have got the distinct admission of the Governor and of two Secretaries of State that there was very decidedly room for improvement in the form of government and in the manner in which it was conducted. We have got a good sound working basis on which to labour for further concession and increased power, and we hope that Mr. WHITEHEAD and those who worked with him here and at home will not lose heart; will not accept Mr. CHAMBERLAIN'S "final" as having any meaning in it, and will, from this moment, devote themselves to the study of the question of the future.

We offer our congratulations to Messrs. CHATER and BELL-IRVING on their promotion to the Upper House while retaining their seats in the Lower. We believe that they will do honour to themselves in their new positions, and will serve the Colony by infusing into the Executive a little more common sense, business knowledge, and some little of that energy and "go" that, in spite of the grave imperfections in the past, have made our island what it is—one of the wonders of the world of commerce and navigation. Our bankers, merchants and traders have raised this place to its present pitch of prosperity in spite of the misgovernment, or, perhaps one might more charitably say, the absence of good Government in the past. The prosperity of the Colony is due to them, and not to anything in the Government, and still less to the fact that Hongkong is a pure Crown Colony—ruled by an Autocrat in Downing Street.

We do not know that we can offer any congratulation to General BLACK on his appointment to the Legislative Council. It will add very considerably to his work. There will be no comfort for him in the position. His rank, immediately next to the Governor and his successor during any temporary absence, will always bind him to absolute silence on any matter of interest which becomes a subject of warm debate in the Council. He cannot and will not be allowed to differ publicly from the Governor. He may not act with the opposition. His most effective ally will be that of peace-maker-general, interposing between conflicting interests and suggesting compromises. We congratulate Mr. Wai Yux on his promotion. We cannot congratulate the Colony. A nominee member is bad enough, but that the sworn ally of the Registrar-General, the obvious servant in all things of the Government, should be the first nominee is bad. We do not think the bulk of the Chinese will recognise him as their representative. He is a good man, well educated, with many very excellent qualities, but he will be no addition to the Legislative Council, either as the ally of the Government or of the opposition, except by virtue of his vote.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

With reference to the observations of Mr. JUSTICE SERCOMB SMITH on the subject of the publication by the *Daily Press* and by this Journal of the petition and answer in the suit now pending against the Sanitary Board, we have a good deal to say, but we reserve it until after the conclusion of the case, as we could not go as fully into it as we desire without appearing to interfere with the discussion of the case on its merits which at the present moment is before the Court. We may say, however, that the publication of the proceedings was inadvertent. It was a cutting from our valued contemporary the *Daily Press*, and was acknowledged as such. It would not have appeared if attention had been called to it.

We have to apologise to the officers and men of the Rifle Brigade for a statement in our columns yesterday that a private in the corps had been sent up for six months by the Police Magistrate yesterday. A letter in another column from our reporter explains the mistake, and tenders his personal apologies for the error he was betrayed into and for the annoyance he has given. Every effort is made to avoid errors of this description and get accurate reports, but mistakes will occur at times, and all we can do is to beg pardon and try to do better in the future. We hope the Brigade will accept our apologies.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE HENLEY REGATTA.

LONDON, July 7th.

The Leander beat the Yale crew easily in the first heat for the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley.

LI HUNG-CHANG.

Li Hung-chang has been decorated with the Grand Cross of the Lion of the Netherlands.

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

The Chicago Democratic Convention has been opened. Mr. Daniels, the Silverite nominee, has been elected temporary president of the Convention by a majority of two hundred over Mr. Hill, who is the candidate of the Goldites.

MATABELELAND.

Colonel Plummer's column has defeated the Matabeles after seven hours' fighting. The Matabeles lost one hundred and the British twenty-three killed and wounded.

A BALKAN ALLIANCE.

An alliance between Servia, Bulgaria, and Montenegro has been agreed upon.

FRANCE.

The Chamber has rejected the Income Tax Bill.

OBITUARY.

Sir John Pender, G.C.M.G.

(Special to the *Japan Mail*.)

THE CALAMITY IN JAPAN.

MORIOKA, June 25th.

According to investigations conducted up to noon to-day, the number of persons killed in Iwate Prefecture is 22,947, and the number of wounded, 3,717.

The French missionary, M. PABBE Ripal, is said to have been a strong swimmer, but though his corpse has not yet been found, no hopes of his safety are entertained.

(From Japanese Papers.)

KOREA.

SEOUL, June 24th.

At Chipyong and four other places in Kyong-hwado, an insurrection has broken out. Ching-chung castle has fallen into the hands of the rebels.

The Royal Guards were defeated by the rebels in Kang-neung.

Secret messages have been sent to Min Yung-shan and Kim Chong-shil, suggesting a return in the Government, appointing a Senate, and two Chief Counsellors.

KORE, June 25th.

Pak Yong-ho and eight officers (military lieutenants) will leave shortly for Korea.

THE TYPHOON.

The typhoon having passed away to the west of the colony, at 10 a.m. the Black Ball was lowered. The Observatory officials think the depression is probably left in the north part of the Gulf of Tonkin. The barometer is rising here, but has fallen at Halphong.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THREE cases of plague to-day—two in the city and one in the harbour.

TENDERS for building a tramway at the Kowloon Naval Yard are called for. *Vide* Advt.

A GYMNASIUM competition will take place in the Gymnasium, Murray Barracks, to-night, commencing at 8 p.m.

M. PINARD, Charge of the Vice-Consulate at Adrianople, has been appointed to the French consulate at Singapore, in succession to the late M. Saveron.

FIORINO, according to latest advices from the South, is still going on in Achen. The "Universal Protector" ought to step in to protect the Achinese!

MEMORANDA.

TO-DAY, 9th July.

Australian mail due.

8 p.m.—Gymnasium competition at the Gymnasium, Murray Barracks.

TO-MORROW, 10th July.

English mail due.

10 a.m.—Summary Court.

SATURDAY, 11th July.

Meeting of the Waikato Warehouse and Storage Co. at No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

Meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ltd., at the Gymnasium, Murray Barracks.

A MARRIAGE has been arranged between Mr. N. Luyke, of Messrs Brindmann & Co., and Mlle. I. van Oosterzee, eldest daughter of the late Captain D. van Oosterzee, Dutch Royal Navy, and niece of Mr. J. J. M. Fleury, Acting Consul-General for the Netherlands at Singapore.

We announced some time ago that the Russians were engaging Chinese scholars at Peking for a mission of education in Chinese, to be conducted in Russia. The Shanghai *Chai Nam Pao* now bears that the salary they offer is \$200 per month, and any one wishing to accept the engagement must bind himself to an appointment for 12 years.

A FATAL accident occurred on the Shanghai river on the 3rd instant, resulting in the drowning of two Chinamen—one a fireman from the steamer *Chowchow*, lying at Boyd's Jetty, and the other a sampanman. The fireman was returning to his ship and, it is believed, some disagreement arising as to the amount of the fare, the two men came to blows and both falling overboard were soon drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO exchanges received by the *Press* yesterday contain lengthy accounts of the trial of the well-known pugilists "Jim" Corbett and Sharkey, who were to "spar" twenty-four rounds (that is, if the greatly over-rated ex-Champion could not be put to sleep at an early stage of the proceedings) at the Mechanics' Pavilion, San Francisco, on the 24th ultimo. After disposing of Sharkey, Corbett said to an interviewer he would arrange a prize-fight with Champion Fitzsimmons or Peter Jackson.

The experts sent to the Hague both by America and England to search for and examine the documents of the old Dutch West India Company bearing upon the Venezuela boundary have now been engaged in the Ryksarchief for some time, and so it is asserted, with great success on both sides. The American specialist is Professor Robert Barr, of Ithaca, whilst Mr. J. A. J. de Villiers, of the British Museum, a representative of the Cape Huguenot family of that name, is at work on behalf of the English interests.

THE *Strait Times* of 30th June:—The return of Mr. John Fraser, which we announced to-day, has been waited for with much interest by the shareholders of the Singapore Insurance Company, in liquidation. We are assured, in the most positive terms, that the whole business of that liquidation has practically ended, and that, practically, nothing remains to be done save to distribute the money, which will amount to about a dollar and a-half per share. It is believed that, now that all the three liquidators are in Singapore, the arrangements preliminary to such distribution should be put through at once. The liquidation, our correspondents urge, has of late been delayed unduly, and considerable impatience has been manifested at the delay, especially since there has been no statement of accounts presented to the shareholders for a very long period.

THE Chungking correspondent of our Shanghai morning contemporary reports under date of 18th June as follows:—RE THE COTTON MILLS: Great has been the collapse of the famous cotton mill scheme. It is alleged that the Viceroy has no money for such a purpose; and that he is otherwise of opinion that the design of his brother Chang Chih-tung should be allowed to develop with a little competition from outside as possible. H.E. is magnanimous and patriotic. It would be too much to say that this viceregal decision has occasioned no disappointment to the minds of certain enthusiastic business men, who are anxious to brook big orders and secure big successes in the virgin province. But they need not yield themselves altogether to despair. Are not appliances for working coal mines to be purchased? Is not machinery suitable for extracting and refining kerosene oil to be bought? Furthermore, the extensive salt-well districts remain to this hour innocent of modern apparatus for getting at the brine, and rumour has it that this lack is to be forthwith supplied. If all this is true, what a dignified international scramble will shortly occur for the various orders!

Of course, Cedille is the right man and ought to win, but Short is likely to get the heavy balance of the orders in spite of this, &c. If the orders are to be got at all, meanwhile copper cash are very dear—1,250 to the tael—and the much-talked-of appointment for supplying the province with silver coins are not to hand. Why is this? Have they really been bought? Or can it be that the Customs have impounded the consignment by mistake at Shanghai? But our great need is steam communication with the down-river ports, of falling that, harbour launches for local use. There is something egregiously wrong when even the Customs officials are under the necessity of crossing a dangerous river under a dangerous sun twice every day in a wretched native boat which is painted white to hide its deficiencies. On the need for steam launches much could be written; but after all, cut short?

THE first two named cases apply more especially to metals and heavy goods, and No. 4, the Committee regret to say, is due to the action of the Shipping Conference (consisting chiefly of British steamship owners) which, while maintaining its freight rates from British ports, carry cargo at a much lower rate from Continental and American ports, thus giving foreign manufacturers a virtual subsidy in their competition with British products.

In this connection the Committee wish to make special reference to the advantages conferred on American cotton place goods in the China market by the rates of freight charged by the Conference steamers from New York to Hongkong and Shanghai, which average from 85/6 to 30/ per ton as compared with 77/6 from London and Liverpool onwards. The same remarks apply to the shipment of machinery from the United States to China, the freight for which is about forty per cent. lower than that from British ports.

In considering this phase of the subject the question arises to what extent the Imperial Government would be justified in requiring of the Conference a modification of their tariff before constituting a subsidy or other support to any shipping company which is a party to a compact that places British manufacturers at a disadvantage with foreign rivals?

